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1. EMB AGREES WITH ALL AID/LA RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE MAJOR ISSUES RAISED BY THE ALEXANDER-HAMMOND REPORT EXCEPT RECOMMENDATION 7E. WITHIN THE NICARAGUAN CONTEXT IDENTIFICATION OF AIFLD WITH USG IS PROBABLY ESSENTIAL TO EFFECTIVENESS OF AIFLD PROGRAM. EMB BELIEVES THAT THE GON ACQUIESCES IN AIFLD ACTIVITIES ONLY BECAUSE OF AIFLD'S SEMI-OFFICIAL STATUS. FOR THESE REASONS, EMB SEES LITTLE ADVANTAGE IN ENDING FORMAL ASSOCIATION BETWEEN AIFLD COUNTRY PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND EMB.

2. WITH REGARD TO UNIVERSITY LEVEL PROGRAM (RECOMMENDATION 10) EMB QUESTIONS WHETHER NICARAGUA'S UNDERDEVELOPED LABOR MOVEMENT IS IN A POSITION TO ABSORB PERSONNEL WITH THE SOPHISTICATED SKILLS DEVELOPED BY UNIVERSITY-LEVEL LABOR ECONOMICS TRAINING. EMB FEARS THAT FOR LACK OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH LABOR ORGANIZATIONS GRADUATES OF LABOR ECONOMICS COURSE WILL END UP EMPLOYED BY PRIVATE SECTOR OR GOVERNMENT.

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3. EMB HAD AN UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE IN 1975 WHEN IAF REPRESENTATIVE FAILED TO GIVE IT PREVIOUS NOTICE OF PLANNED \$150,000 GRANT TO LABOR ORGANIZATION ACTIVE IN AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT POLITICAL COALITION. EMB THEREFORE CONCURS WITH RECOMMENDATION 19 OF ALEXANDER-HAMMOND REPORT THAT IAF SHOULD KEEP EMBASSIES BETTER INFORMED OF PROJECTS IT PLANS TO UNDERTAKE. INPUT FROM EMBASSIES WOULD HELP IAF REPRESENTATIVES MAKE BETTER INFORMED DECISIONS AND AVOID EMBARRASSING USG. RUBENSTEIN

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